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ABSTRACT

Drawing from 1990 U.S. Censes data, a study was conducted of population trends in the Rancho Santiago Community College (California) District (RSCCD). Study findings included the following: (1) the population of the RSCCD increased by 32% from 1980 to 1990, larger than the statewide increase of 26%; (2) the 1990 RSCCD population was 482,224 and is projected to be 578,700 by the year 2000; (3) the city of Santa Ana comprises 61% of the population of the RSCCD; (4) 72% of the district population is over 18 years of age, compared with 74% for the state of California, making the district's population younger than that of the state's; (5) 1980 to 1990 enrollment trends of the RSCCD parallel those of community colleges statewide; (6) Hispanics comprised 48% of the RSCCD in 1990, up from 15% in 1970, and projected to reach 61% in the year 2000, while Hispanic community college enrollment statewide grew from 15% in 1970 to 26% in 1990; (7) the population of Santa Ana is 65% Hispanic, while Orange and Garden Grove are predominantly White; (8) Garden Grove has the largest percentage of Asians in the RSCCD (20%); (9) the Hispanic population within the RSCCD has grown by 107% from 1980 to 1990, while the White population has declined by 11%; (10) the percentage of college "eligibles" (individuals over the age of 18) is growing for all areas of the state examined, indicating an aging population; and (11) in comparison with their representation in the district population, Hispanics are underrepresented in Rancho Santiago College's fall 1990 enrollment (22%) and in the faculty (6%). Detailed data tables, charts, and bar graphs are included. (PAA)

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Summary of Preliminary RSCCD Population Trends from the 1990 Census

- The population of the Rancho Santiago Community College District increased 32% from 1980 to 1990. This represents a larger increase than for all of California (26%) and all of Orange County (25%). The 1990 Rancho Santiago Community College District population was 482,224, and it is projected to be 578,700 in the year 2000. (Graphs 1 and 1a)

- Santa Ana is the largest city in the Rancho Santiago Community College District with 293,742 people in 1990 and comprising 61% of the population of the Rancho Santiago Community College District. Orange comprises 23% of the district's population, Garden Grove 16%, and Villa Park 1%. Not only is Santa Ana increasing its population at a larger rate than the other cities in the district, it is increasing its proportion of the population of the district. (Graph 2)

- While 72% of the population of Rancho Santiago Community College District is over 18 years of age, 76% of Orange County's population and 74% of California's population is over 18. In other words, Rancho Santiago Community College District's population is "younger" than that of California or of Orange County. (Graph 3)

- The enrollment trends of Rancho Santiago College parallel those of all community colleges, from 1980 to 1990. (Graph 3a)

- In 1990, Hispanics comprised 48% of the Rancho Santiago Community College District population, up from 31% in 1980 and 15% in 1970. Thirty-nine percent of the Rancho Santiago Community College District population is white. By 2000, it is projected that 61% of the Rancho Santiago Community College District will be Hispanic.

  The increase in the Hispanic population is much more rapid in the Rancho Santiago Community College District than in the entire state of California, where the proportion has changed from 15% in 1970 to 26% (compared to Rancho Santiago Community College District's 48%) in 1990. (Graph 4)

  Currently, Orange County is 65% white, and California is 57% white. The Asian and black populations are relatively small, between 2% and 11% in the district, county, and state. (Graph 6)

- Santa Ana's population is 65% Hispanic, 23% white, and 9% Asian. Orange and Garden Grove are predominantly white, and Garden Grove has the largest percentage of Asians in the Rancho Santiago Community College District, 20%. (Graph 5)

- **Put another way, the size of the Hispanic population within the Rancho Santiago Community College District has grown 107% from 1980 to 1990, and the white population has declined 11%. Asian population growth throughout the state has been greater, 87%, than that for Rancho Santiago Community College District, 60%.**

  Garden Grove and Orange are growing, 16% and 21% respectively, but not as great as the rates of growth for the state, the county, all of Rancho Santiago Community College District, or the other cities in the Rancho Santiago Community College District. The growth rate for "eligibles" (over 18 years of age) is growing for all areas studied, indicating an "aging" population, even though this is not occurring as rapidly for the Rancho Santiago Community College District. (Graph 7)

- In comparing ethnic distributions, it can be seen in Graph 8 that Hispanics are under-represented in Rancho Santiago College's Fall 1990 enrollment (22%) and in our faculty (6%) compared to our service area (48%) and to the high school enrollments in our service area (53%). In the past several years, Rancho Santiago College has made progress in increasing the ethnic minority enrollment and faculty, and those efforts need to be maintained and intensified.

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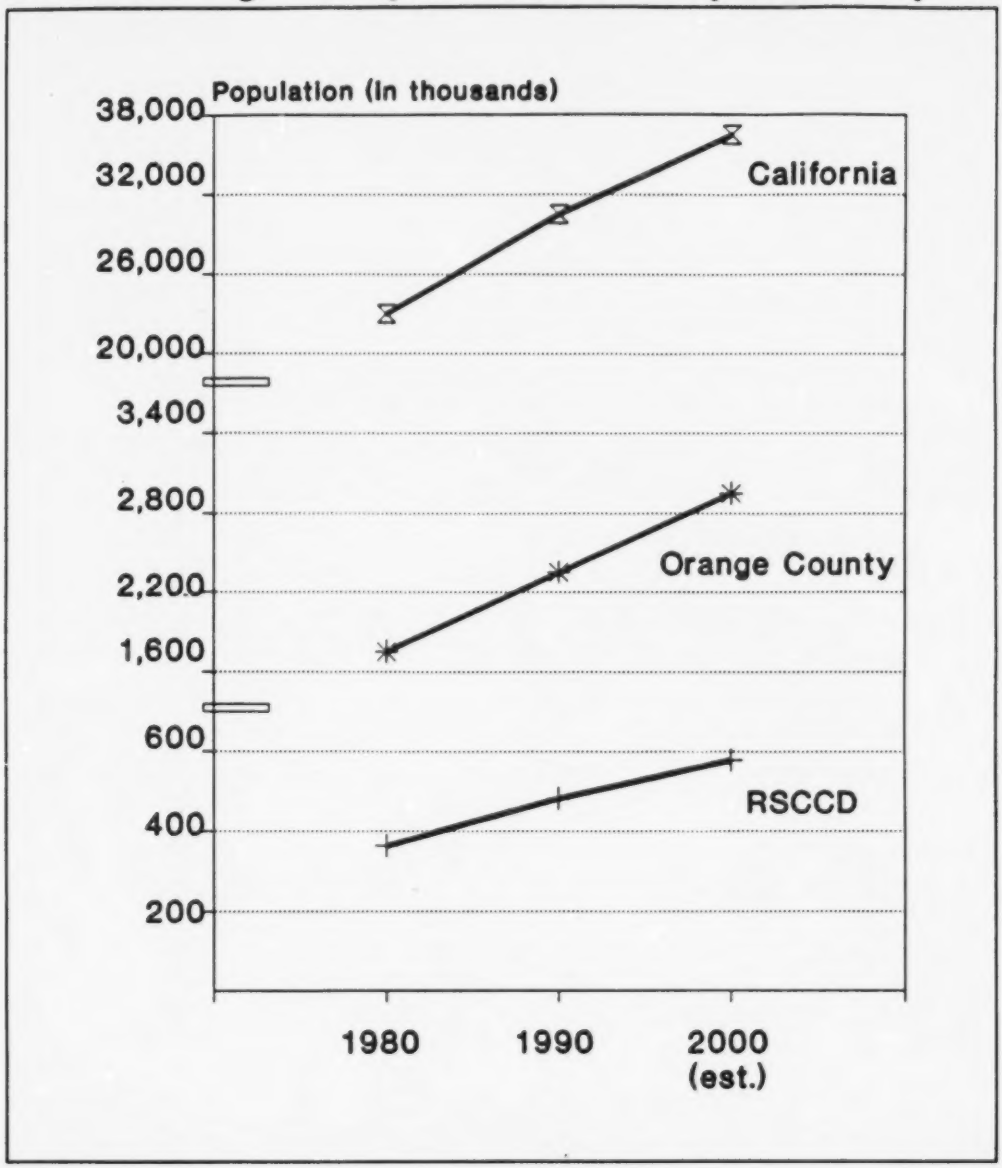
Graph 1

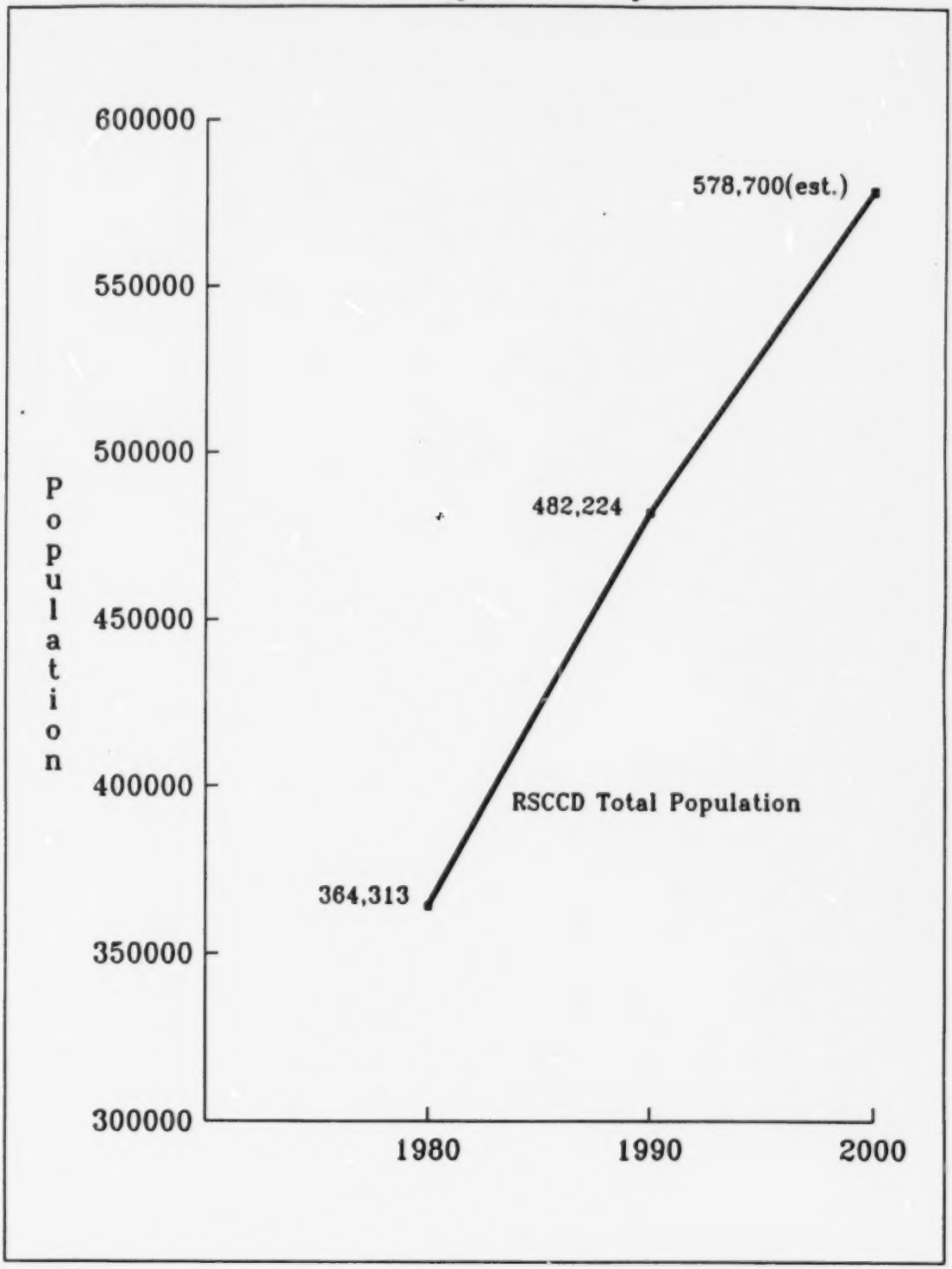
California/Orange County/RSCCD Total Population Projection



	1980	1990	Percent Change	2000 (est.)
California	23,667,900	29,760,021	26%	36,259,000
Orange County	1,932,825	2,410,555	25%	2,877,900
RSCCD	364,313	482,224	32%	578,700

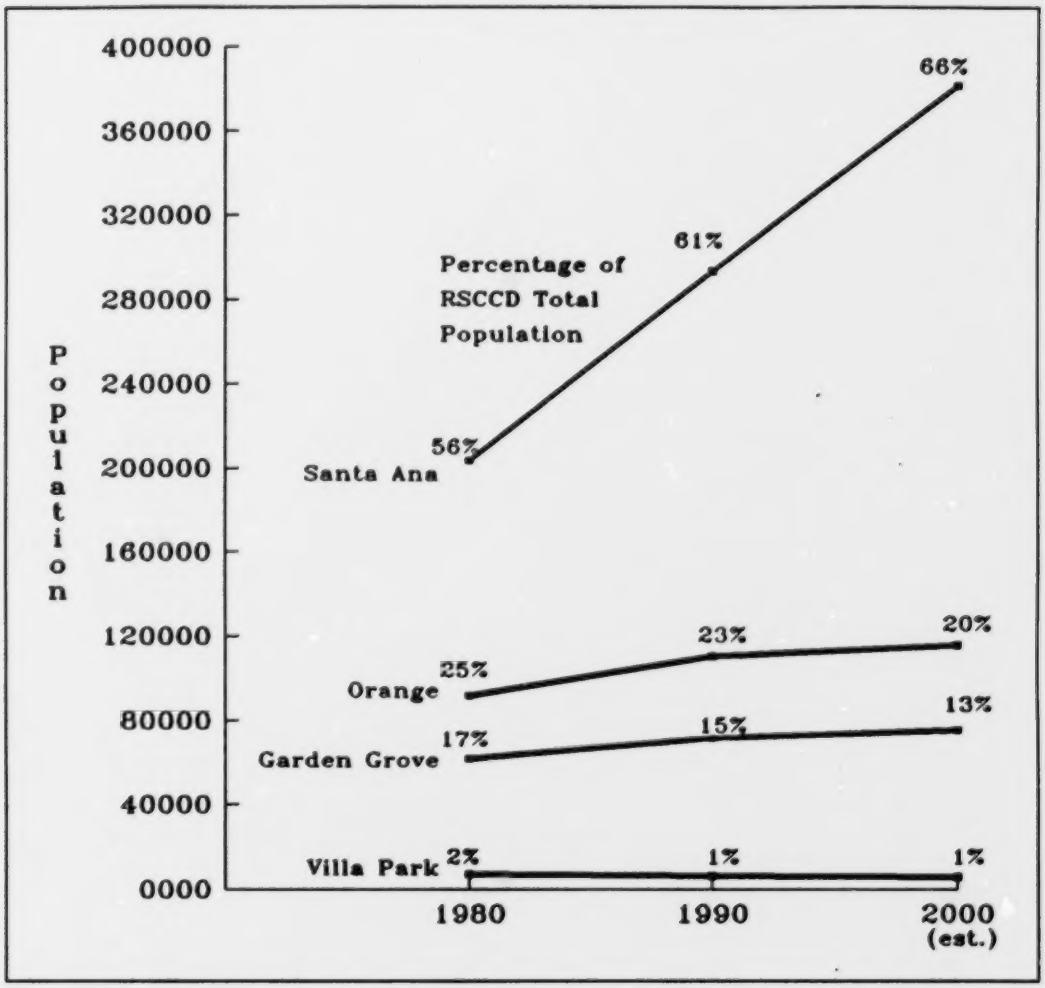
Graph 1a

RSCCD Total Population Projection



Graph 2

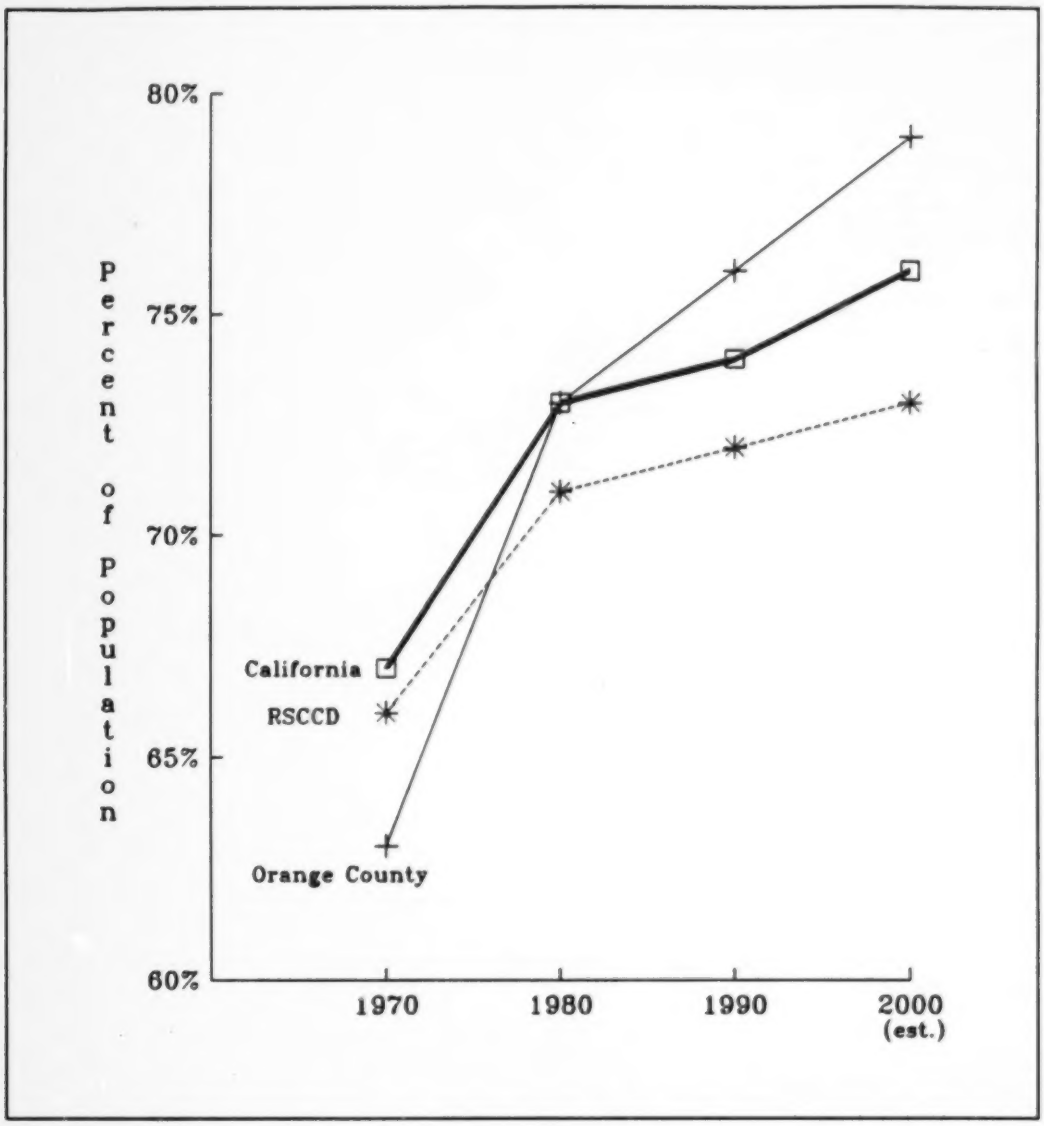
RSCCD Population Projection By City



	1980	% of District	1990	% of District	Percent Change	2000(est.)
Santa Ana	203,713	56%	293,742	61%	44%	381,942
Orange	91,788	25%	110,658	23%	21%	115,740
Garden Grove	61,676	17%	71,525	15%	16%	75,231
Villa Park	7,137	2%	6,299	1%	-12%	5,787
TOTAL	364,313	-	482,224	-	32%	578,700

Graph 3

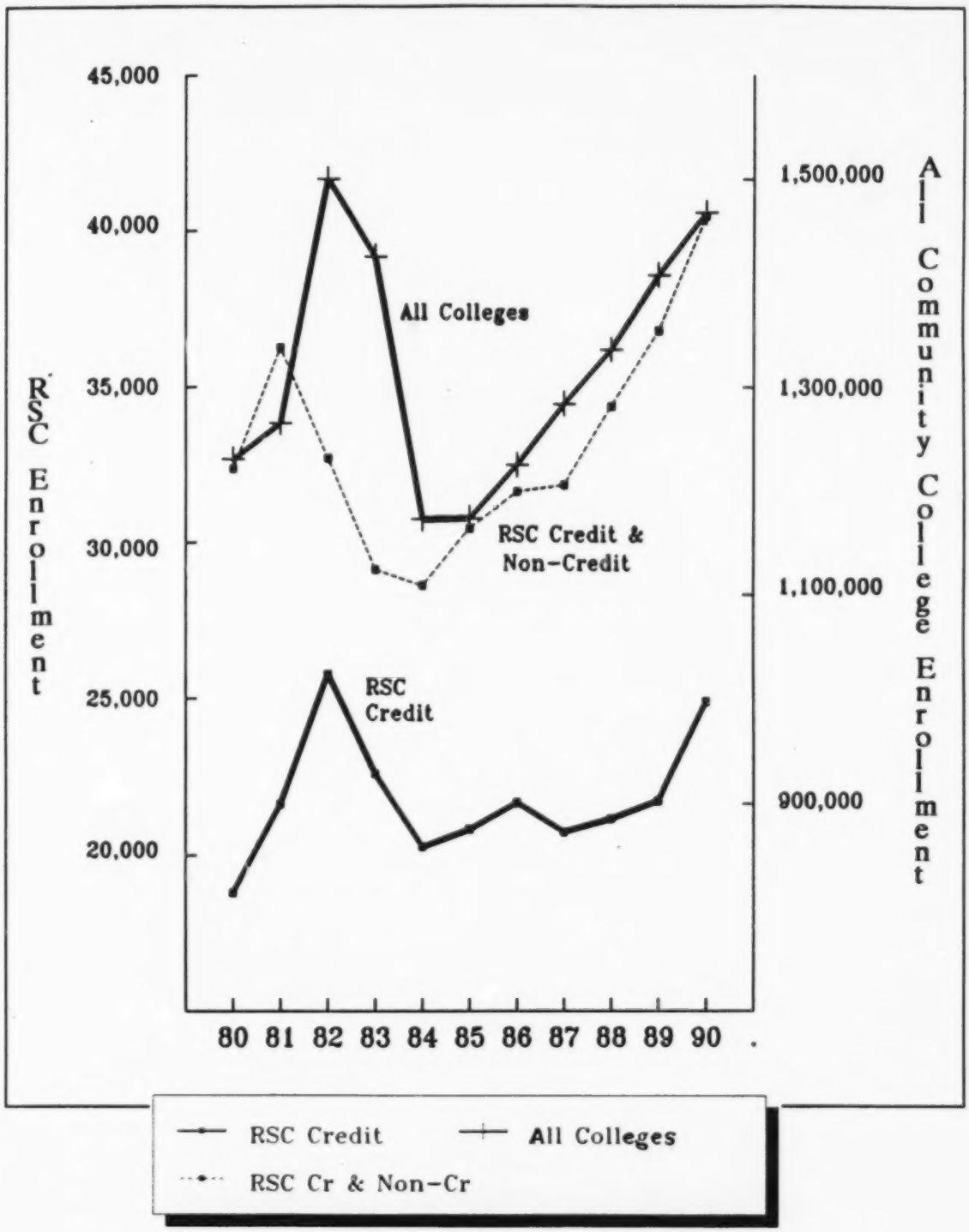
California/Orange County/RSCCD Eligible Adult Population



	1970	1980	1990	2000(est.)
California	67%	73%	74%	73%
Orange County	63%	73%	76%	79%
RSCCD	66%	71%	72%	76%

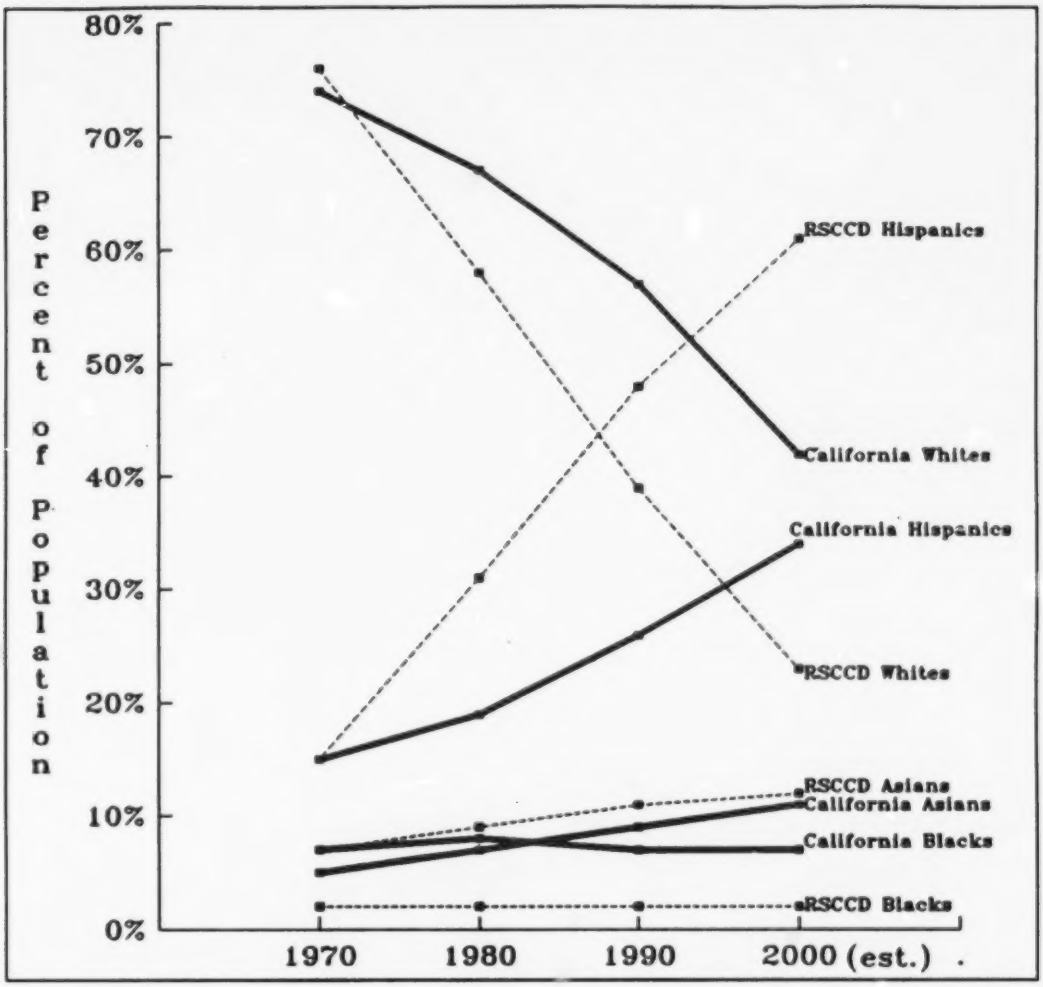
Graph 3a

California Community College Credit Enrollment
Rancho Santiago College Fall Enrollment/1980-90



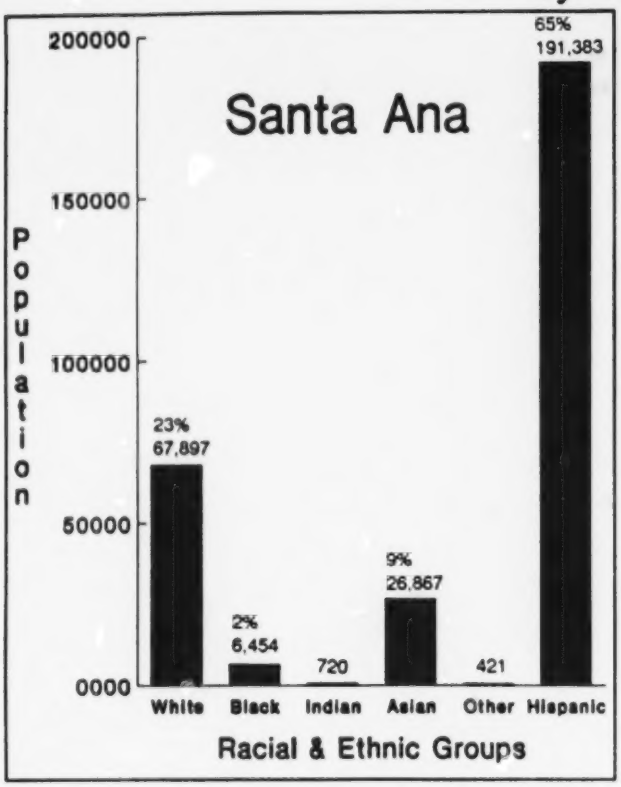
Graph 4

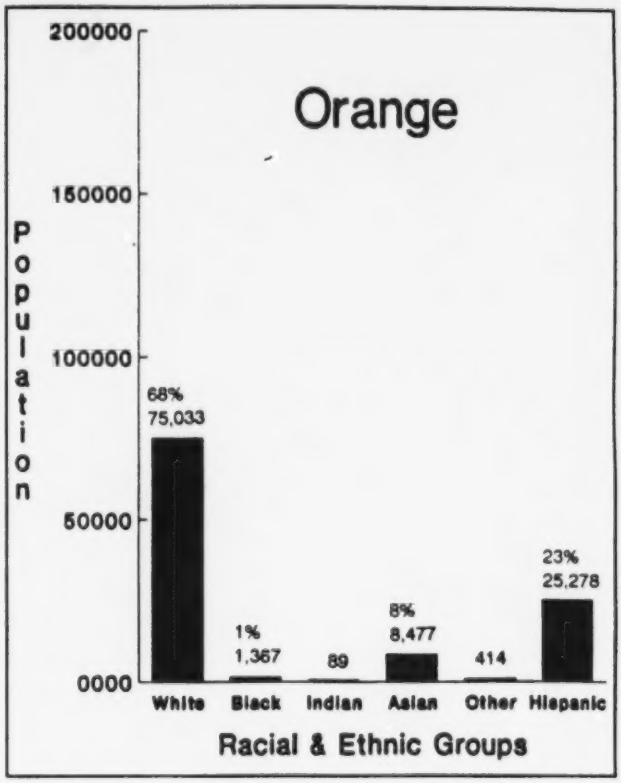
California & RSCCD Ethnicity

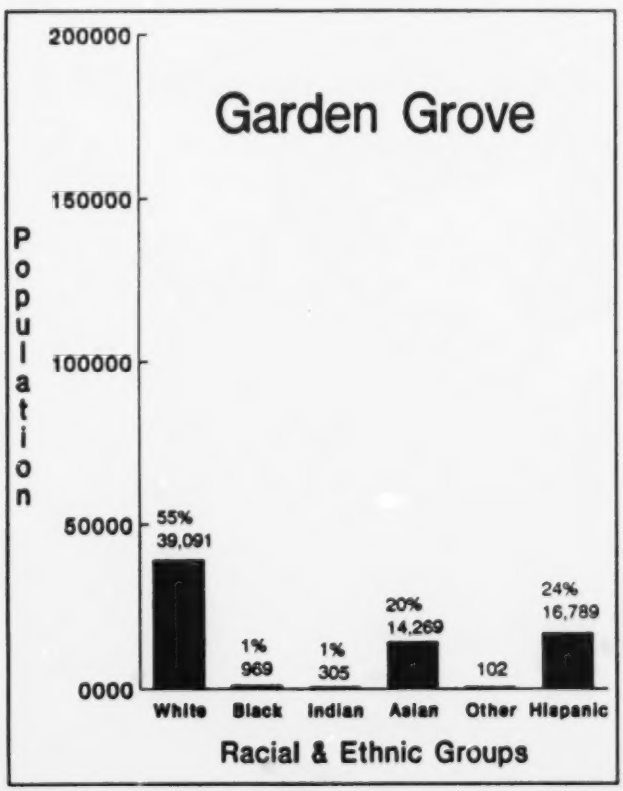


	1970	1980	1990	2000(est.)
California	n=19,877,600	n=23,667,900	n=29,760,021	n=36,259,000
White	74%	67%	57%	42%
Hispanic	15%	19%	26%	34%
Asian & other	5%	7%	9%	11%
Black	7%	8%	7%	7%
RSCCD	n=240,000	n=364,313	n=482,224	n=568,734
White	76%	58%	39%	23%
Hispanic	15%	31%	48%	61%
Asian & other	7%	9%	11%	12%
Black	2%	2%	2%	2%

Graph 5
RSCCD Ethnicity By City - 1990





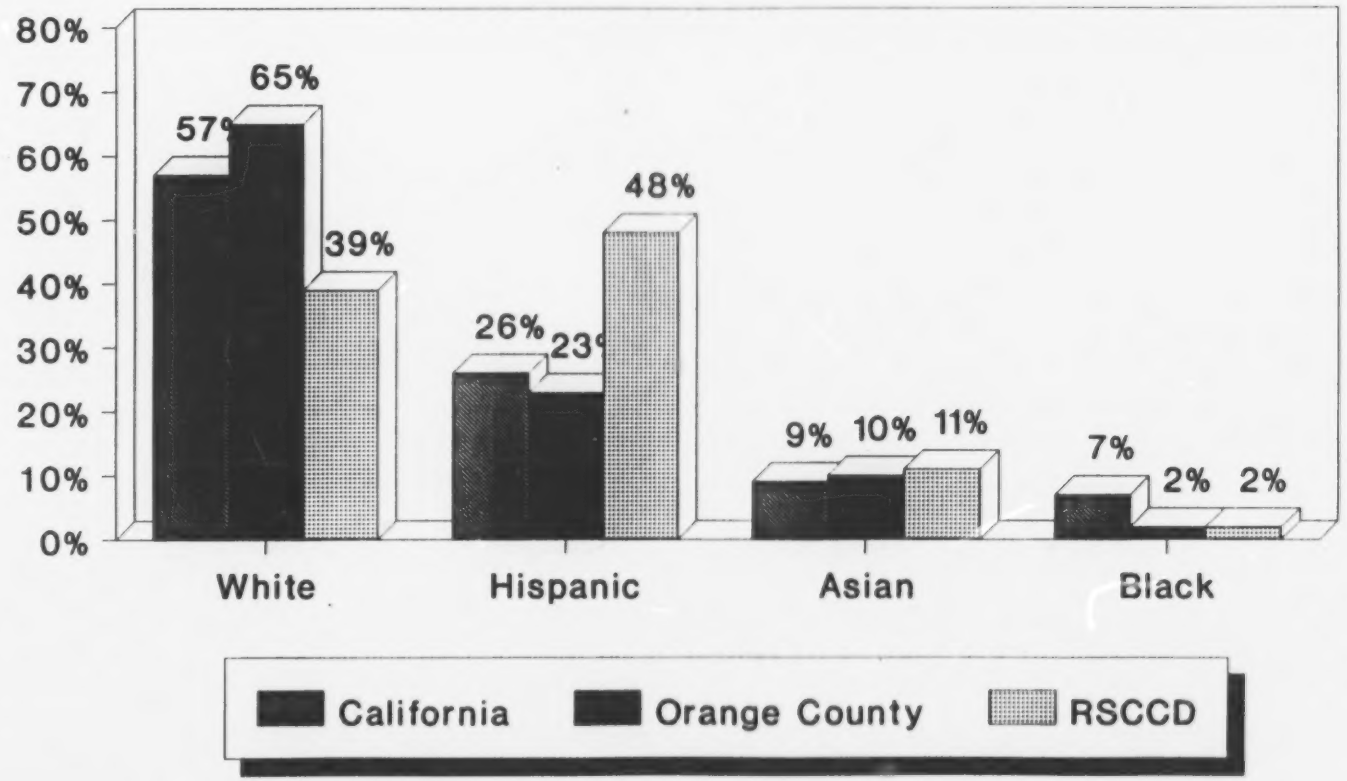


1990 Total Population

Santa Ana	293,742
Orange	110,658
Garden Grove	71,525

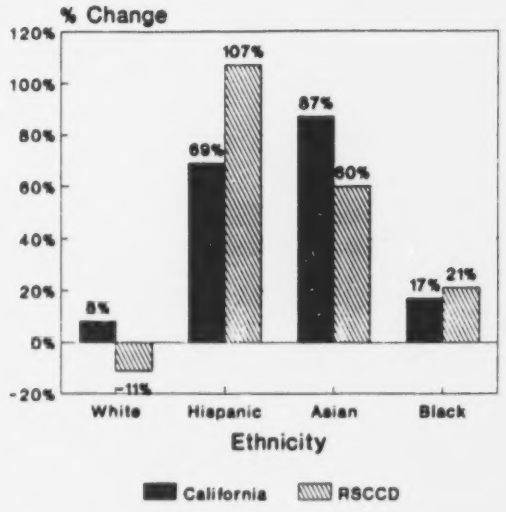
Graph 6

Ethnic Distributions of California, Orange County, and RSCCD - 1990



Graph 7
Percent Change In Population

1980 - 1990
Percent Change in Population
by Ethnicity



1980 - 1990
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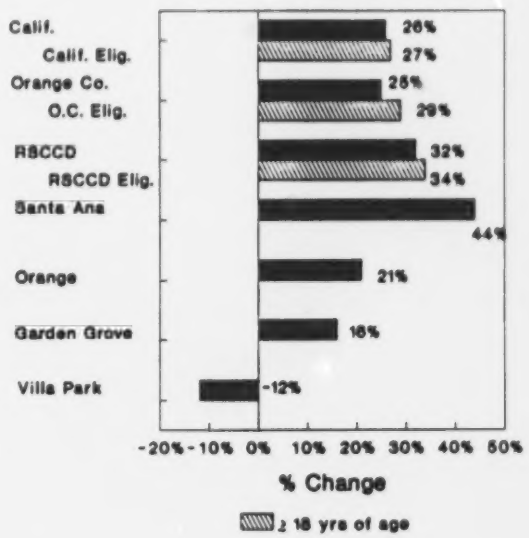
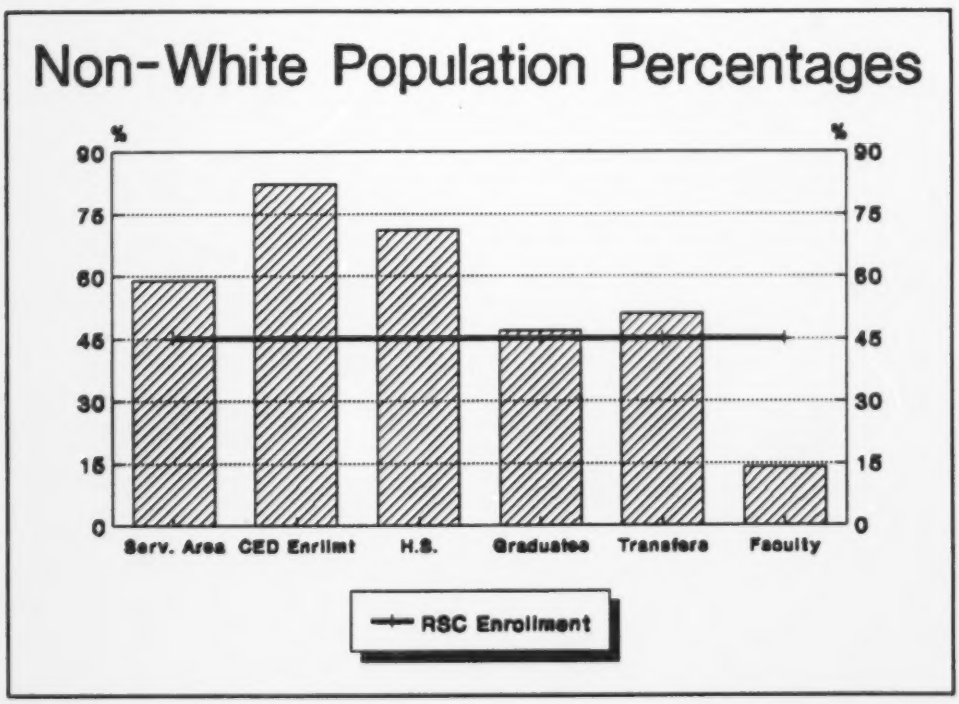


Graph 8

A COMPARISON OF ETHNIC DISTRIBUTIONS

	White	Hispanic	Asian	Black	Other
RSC Service Area Fall 1990	39%	48%	11%	2%	-
RSC Enrollment Fall 1990	55	22	16	3	4
RSC CED Enrollment Fall 1990	18	64	10	1	7
RSCCD High School Enrollment Fall 1990	29	53	15	2	1
RSC Graduates (AA's) 89-90	53	11	11	2	23
RSC Transfer Students Fall 1989	49	13	19	4	15
RSC Full-Time Faculty Fall 1990	86	6	4	2	2



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